

the United States and for other purposes," approved October 10, 1940, as amended, to continue it in effect; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

1232. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting his report and recommendation concerning the claim of the Square D Co. against the United States; to the Committee on Claims.

1233. A letter from the War Food Administrator, transmitting three statements constituting a report with respect to the progress of the liquidation of Federal Rural Rehabilitation projects; to the Committee on Agriculture.

1234. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill to provide for the reimbursement of certain Navy and civilian personnel for personal property lost as the result of a fire in hangar V-3 at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., on November 12, 1942; to the Committee on Claims.

1235. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the state of the finances, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1943 (H. Doc. No. 430); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed, with illustrations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SABATH: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 453. Resolution for the consideration of H. R. 2985, a bill to provide for the garnishment, execution, or trustee process of wages and salaries of civil officers and employees of the United States; without amendment (Rept. No. 1194). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. VINSON of Georgia: Committee on Naval Affairs. H. R. 4134. A bill to reestablish the grade of Admiral of the Navy, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1195). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. LANDIS:

H. R. 4277. A bill to extend to May 15, 1944, the time for filing individual income-tax returns; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PACE:

H. R. 4278. A bill to provide for the control and eradication of certain animal and plant pests and diseases, to facilitate cooperation with the States in fire control, to provide for the more efficient protection and management of the national forests, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural conservation and related agricultural programs, to facilitate the operation of the Farm Credit Administration and the Rural Electrification Administration, to aid in the orderly marketing of agricultural commodities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JENKINS:

H. R. 4279. A bill amending section 2 of the act of Congress, approved February 11, 1929 (Public, No. 719, 70th Cong.), entitled "An act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to settle claims and suits against the District of Columbia"; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. RANKIN:

H. R. 4280. A bill to provide additional allowances for certain dependents of certain

disabled veterans; to the Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation.

By Mr. ENGLE of California:

H. J. Res. 243. Joint resolution creating a commission to explore means of securing an agreement between the United States and Japan for the exchange of certain persons interned by such countries; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ANDERSON of California:

H. J. Res. 244. Joint resolution creating a commission to explore means of securing an agreement between the United States and Japan for the exchange of certain persons interned by such countries; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DONDERO:

H. Res. 454. Resolution limiting the Office of President to two terms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the chairman of the Syrian Parliament, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to study fully the Arab situation before passing on the question of creating a Jewish state in Palestine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

5071. By Mr. CANFIELD: Resolutions adopted by Local 490 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Clifton; Passaic County and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters, Paterson, and the International Union, No. 12, Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers, Passaic, all of the State of New Jersey, opposing the passage of the national service draft bill; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

5072. By Mr. HANCOCK: Petition of L. Rescignano and other residents of Syracuse, N. Y., containing approximately 350 signatures, opposing prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5073. By Mr. KUNKEL: Petition of J. H. Dell, of Shiremanstown, Pa., and others, protesting against the passage of the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5074. By Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois: Petition of sundry residents of the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, relative to prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5075. By Mr. JOSEPH M. PRATT: Resolution from Henry H. Houston, 2d, Post No. 3, the American Legion; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

5076. Also, petition opposing House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5077. By Mr. ROWAN: Petition of John M. Shernick and 20 others, opposing the passage of House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5078. Also, petition of William C. Lawrence and 23 others, opposing the passage of House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5079. Also, petition of G. S. Lawrence and 24 others, opposing the passage of House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5080. By the SPEAKER: Petition of Pedro Rodriguez Mannuel, of San Juan, P. R., petitioning consideration of the resolution with reference to the independence of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Insular Affairs.

5081. Also, petition of Luis Pereira, of Caguas, P. R., petitioning consideration of the resolution with reference to the independence of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Insular Affairs.

SENATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1944

(Legislative day of Monday, February 7, 1944)

The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess.

The Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father God, we come with the solemn consciousness that swift to its close ebbs out life's little day as once again in the passing of an honored Member of this body we bow before the mystery of death. We are grateful for thoughts of immortality which swing back the grim barred gates of death, through which the glory from an endless world shines beyond the mind's imagining, beyond our heart's desire. Give us to see that death is no more our enemy, but Thy good angel and our friend who alone can open for us the realm of beauty and bliss in the roomy spaces of a larger life.

The one, clear call has taken from us Thy faithful servant and our beloved friend, with whom we took sweet counsel and whose tolerant outlook often turned the discords of dispute into the music of understanding. But the sorrow of our hearts pleads with us to bless Thee for the close ties which have been severed, for the sanctified wisdom and the pure humanity which made his radiant personality as the candle of the Lord. We remember with gratitude that for him party loyalty was ever but an altar of devotion in the greater temple of his undefiled patriotism. We remember today with joy his long and fruitful years as a public servant, his patient courage, his gentle courtesy, his constant consecration to his great trust. We remember gratefully now one who held his convictions firmly, yet without questioning the sincerity of others whose quest of truth led them along other paths. We think of him today as one who could differ without anger, who could debate without bitterness, who could be defeated without rancor, who could win without exultation.

So, one by one, Thou dost gather the scattered families out of the earthly light to the heavenly glory, from the distractions and strife and weariness of time to the peace of eternity. Vouchsafe unto his loved ones Thy tenderest mercies and the consolations of Thy sustaining grace. In Thy great mercy bring us all at last to the homeland of Thine eternal love. In the name of that One who hath brought life and immortality to light. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. BARKLEY, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the calendar day Friday, February 25, 1944, was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

DEATH OF SENATOR CHARLES L. McNARY

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, it becomes my sad duty to announce to the Senate the death on Friday, February 25, of our beloved minority leader, the late senior Senator from Oregon, the Honorable CHARLES L. McNARY. I make this statement in behalf of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HOLMAN], who, in execution of the obligation devolving upon him, is even now heading a delegation of our colleagues who are bound for Salem, Oreg., where the funeral services will be held on March 3.

Several Senators have indicated a desire to offer eulogies to the memory of our departed colleague. To those and to all other Senators I would say that on a date later to be fixed memorial services will be held.

Mr. President, in behalf of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HOLMAN], I send to the desk a resolution and ask that it be stated by the clerk and be presently considered.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 259) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. CHARLES L. McNARY, late a Senator from the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That a committee of 18 Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to take order for superintending the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The VICE PRESIDENT, under the second resolving clause, appointed the following Senators the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator:

Mr. HOLMAN, Mr. BARKLEY, Mr. WHITE, Mr. WHEELER, Mr. SHIPSTEAD, Mr. LA FOLLETTE, Mr. VANDENBERG, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. CHAVEZ, Mr. HILL, Mr. CLARK of Idaho, Mr. THOMAS of Idaho, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. McFARLAND, Mr. MURDOCK, Mr. HAWKES, Mr. ROBERTSON, and Mr. WHERRY.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of our departed colleague, I move that the Senate do now recess until 12 o'clock noon on Friday next.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until Friday, March 3, 1944, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1944

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, our Father, we praise Thee that the night has again found the morning, and we behold Thy hand in all

Thy works; O give us grace and patience to make real the things divine, and hope to remove anxious fears of the morrow. With no complaint, we pray that we may make every proof of good faith, with kindly words for our fellow men living in peace and with strength enough to return good for evil.

O God, these are the times that try men's souls; we pray that we may rise in the scale of nobility and understanding that all triumphs are unworthy and futile unless the victory over self is won. So send forth Thy light that we may fulfill the measure of duty that is made plain to us, whatever may be its sacrifice. Do Thou shield all hearts from the arch enemies of hate and intolerance whose passions fall like poisoned arrows upon our security. We pray that the basic desire in the breast of every patriot shall be to vindicate our civilization. Thou who art Supreme Love, who faced human sin with death upon the cross, manifest Thyself in that mysterious power which lives in human thought and courage. In Thy mercy pour out Thy fatherly blessing upon every soul of every race, color, and creed. O God, remember the fathers and mothers who are recounting the happy moments of the unbroken fireside and are waiting for the light to flame again upon the family altar. We ask in Thy holy name for the richest counsel to abide in the minds of our President, our Speaker, the leaders and all Members, as all hearts are lifted toward the hills of peace. In Thy name. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Friday, February 25, 1944, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Miller, one of his secretaries, who also informed the House that on the following dates the President approved and signed bills of the House of the following titles:

On February 21, 1944:

H. R. 2340. An act for the relief of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.;

H. R. 3076. An act for the relief of the legal guardian of Arthur J. Martin, Jr., a minor;

H. R. 3428. An act to amend sections 6, 7, and 8 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," approved October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741, 743; 48 U. S. C., secs. 440, 441, 442);

H. R. 3605. An act to provide for reimbursement of certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires in tents used as quarters by members of the Twelfth Naval Construction Battalion, Long Island, Alaska, on December 26, 1942, and May 26, 1943, respectively;

H. R. 3606. An act to provide for reimbursement of certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for personal property lost or damaged as a result of a fire at the outlying degaussing branch of the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., on December 4, 1942; and

H. R. 3607. An act to provide for reimbursement of certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for personal property lost or damaged as a result of a fire in tent L-76 at

the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., on March 15, 1943.

On February 22, 1944:

H. R. 213. An act for the relief of Edward H. Smith;

H. R. 399. An act for the relief of John Sims;

H. R. 547. An act for the relief of Kernan R. Cunningham;

H. R. 610. An act for the relief of Pacific Dry Dock & Repair Co., Inc.;

H. R. 850. An act for the relief of George M. Louie;

H. R. 1311. An act for the relief of Dan Crofts;

H. R. 1388. An act to authorize the acceptance of donations of land for the construction of a scenic parkway to provide an appropriate view of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from the Tennessee side of the park, and for other purposes;

H. R. 1442. An act for the relief of Lafayette Gibson;

H. R. 1467. An act to record the lawful admission to the United States for permanent residence of Rev. Julius Paal;

H. R. 1854. An act for the relief of Ethel Cohen;

H. R. 1934. An act for the relief of Mrs. Donald B. Johnston;

H. R. 2199. An act to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to taxes and tax sales in the District of Columbia," approved February 28, 1898, as amended;

H. R. 2639. An act for the relief of William M. Tucker and Nelda M. Tucker;

H. R. 2690. An act for the relief of Oswald L. Sawyer;

H. R. 2691. An act for the relief of Tom S. Steed;

H. R. 2804. An act for the relief of Ruth E. P. Phillips as executrix of the estate of Amos Russell Phillips, deceased;

H. R. 3153. An act for the relief of the estate of Jennie I. Weston, deceased;

H. R. 3189. An act for the relief of Thomas Lewis;

H. R. 3193. An act for the relief of J. C. Davidson and Vassie Lee Davidson;

H. R. 3298. An act for the relief of Nels J. Pedersen;

H. R. 3329. An act for the relief of Lt. Col. Charles H. Morhouse;

H. R. 3332. An act for the relief of Spencer Meeks;

H. R. 3351. An act for the relief of Howard L. Pemberton;

H. R. 3504. An act for the relief of Wade Bros., a partnership composed of M. J., G. W., and Ovid Wade;

H. R. 3760. An act authorizing the President to present, in the name of Congress, a Distinguished Service Medal to Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, United States Marine Corps; and

H. R. 3916. An act to permit the construction and use of certain pipe lines for pneumatic tube transmission in the District of Columbia.

On February 26, 1944:

H. R. 1872. An act for the relief of J. E. McCoy & Son;

H. R. 2580. An act to grant the consent of Congress to a compact entered into by the States of South Dakota and Wyoming relating to the waters of the Belle Fourche River Basin, to make provisions concerning the exercise of Federal jurisdiction as to those waters, to promote the most efficient use of those waters, and for other purposes;

H. R. 2924. An act to give effect to the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement of 1942 between the United States of America and Canada, to protect the fur seals of the Pribilof Islands, and for other purposes;

H. R. 2976. An act to grant military rank to certain members of the Navy Nurse Corps;

H. R. 3001. An act for the relief of James T. Rogers;